number of reserved posts lying vacant as on 30.9.96 is given as under :-

| Branch | Cat.III | | Cat.IV | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SC | ST | SC | ST |
| Mysore | - | 1 | - | 5 |
| Raichur | - | 1 | - | 10 |
| Bubli | - | - | - | 3 |

(c) Special Recruitment Drive 1996 has since been launched for filling up for the vacant posts.

(d) As per the schedule the vacancies are likely to be filled up by March, 1997.

**STATEMENT**

*Details of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation Branches in Karnataka State*

| Food Corporation of India | Central Warehousing Corporation |
|---|---|
| *Regional office :* | 1. Davangere |
| 1. Bangalore | 2. Gadag |
| *District office* | 3. Mangalore-I (R) |
| 1. Bangalore | 4. Gulberga |
| 2. Mysore | 5. Belgaum |
| 3. Shimoga | 6. Shikaripur |
| 4. Raichur | 7. Bangalore-I |
| 5. Mangalore | 8. K.R.K. Nagar |
| 6. Hubli | 9. Souncatti |
| | 10. Sadam |
| | 11. Mangalore-II |
| | 12. Baihongal |
| | 13. Hosholly |
| | 14. Mysore-I (Belagore) |
| | 15. Tumkur |
| | 16. Bangalore-V |
| | 17. Shiv Moni Steel Tubes Ltd., (Bangalore-VI) |
| | 18. N.G. Eaf. Bangalore -VIII |
| | 19. Bangalore-X |
| | 20. White Field |
| | 21. Gulberga-II |
| | 22. Terenagallu (Kurukkuppa) |
| | 23. Bangalore (Construction Cell) |

**Delicensing of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals Sector**

1668. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to delicence the Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals Sectors;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the number of units likely to be delicensed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS ( SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). As part of the liberlised Industrial Policy announced by the Government in July, 1991, industrial licene in required for 21 industries in the Chemical and Petro-Chemical Sectors. No proposal to delicense any of these 21 industires is under consideration.

*[Translation]*

**Temperature of Sea Water**

1669. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the temperature of the sea-water as well as water level is increasing according to the environmentalists;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The environmetalists concern for increase in temperature of Sea as well as the water level is in the context of projected rise in the global mean surface temperture and attendant impacts due to increasing green house gases in the atmosphere. The modelling scenarios project vulnerability of low-lying and densely populated areas.

(c) and (d). The Government-Department of Ocean Development is in the process of setting up modern tide gauges to more accurately measure tide for determining the mean sea level. Tide gauges are to be installed in the ports of Mumbai, Goa, Cochin, Tuticorin, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Port Blair, Minicoy, Kavaratti, Porbandar, Nancowry. Survey of India is executing the project.

*[English]*

**Smuggling of Drugs**

1670. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge stocks of drugs are piling on the Indo-Pak border worth crores of rupees;